

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 15th 2006

IRTS AGM 2006

This years IRTS AGM is being held on Sunday April 23rd at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork and is being hosted by Cork Radio Club. The weekend will follow the usual format with a dinner on the Saturday night, a rally on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Vienna Woods Hotel is located on the eastern side of Cork City just off the Glanmire roundabout at the city side of Glanmire village.

It is a unique 50 bedroom luxury hotel, originally an 18th Century country house, set in 20 acres of mature woodland with excellent facilities and secure parking. For those wishing to stay overnight, only double rooms are available at the hotel and these can only be booked through Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574. However, rooms are also available at the neighbouring Ibis Hotel at a cost of €59.00 for a single room and €69.00 for a double room. Breakfast costs €8.50. The telephone number for the Ibis Hotel is 021-4354354. Rooms are also available at the nearby John Barleycorn Hotel at a cost of €45.00 for a single and €85.00 for a double room including a full Irish Breakfast. The telephone number here is 021-4821499.

For day trippers, breakfast will be available at the Vienna Woods Hotel until 11:00 and light refreshments will be available in the bar area from early morning. A carvery lunch will also be available at the venue. Those wishing to bring the XYL for the day should note that the new Mahon Point shopping centre is only minutes away through the Jack Lynch Tunnel.

Enquiries to Finbarr EI1CS on 021-4346622 or Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

Coolmine Rally

The annual Phoenix Radio Club Rally will be held on Sunday February 26th at the Coolmine Community School in Blanchardstown and not as originally planned on the 12th of February. All enquiries to Tony on 01-8252074 or 087-2439997

EI DXpedition to Southern Africa 2007

The December issue of Echo Ireland carried a request for expressions of interest from

members who would like to take part in a DXpedition to various countries in Southern Africa in 2007. If there is sufficient interest then initial planning will commence next month with a view to the expedition taking place in Spring 2007 as part of the IRTS 75th Jubilee celebrations. Contact Paul EI2CA if you wish to be put on the list for further information by emailing him to "paul at comma dot ie" or telephone 087-2523908.

2005 IOTA Contest Results

Provisional results for the 2005 IOTA Contest have now been published. These results show a strong performance by a number of Irish stations, including first place in the "Expeditions" section by the Bere Island Group EJ2MT, which was formed from members of the East Cork Radio Group and the Bristol Contest Group. Results for the EI and EJ stations are available on the IRTS web site www.irts.ie, which also includes a link to the full provisional results.

Cork Radio Club

The Club had its first meeting this year on Monday last at the SMA hall in Wilton. A very good number turned up which was very encouraging. A discussion was held about activities for the coming months.

Next Monday night we will have a presentation by Frank Ei6EVB on producing electro magnetic energy using simple components. Frank will illustrate his demonstration with a few simple parts.

New members always welcome. We meet in Room 4 of SMA

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd February in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Notification and agendas will be sent out to members in the coming weeks. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

ComReg

The next Radio Theory Examination will take place this coming Wednesday January

the 18th at 2 p.m. in the ComReg offices, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey St., Dublin 1. A sample question paper is available on the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie

The full ComReg document No. 05/89 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie under Consultations. IRTS is pleased that most of the points raised in its submission have been accepted by ComReg and incorporated into the amended document. This will change the licensing practice in 2006.

Morse Proficiency Assessments

Morse Proficiency assessments will be held in Greystone Community Centre, Ballycraigy Road, Antrim on Saturday the 29th of April 2006 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

These assessments are open to anyone with an interest in Morse and will be offered at speeds of 5, 12 and 20 words per minute. Other speeds may be available upon request. A small charge of £10 Sterling is levied to cover the costs incurred in running the scheme, this being payable on the day. If you are interested in taking a proficiency assessment please contact Jim Henry, G10DVU no later than Wednesday the 19th of April 2006 by telephone on 048 9266 2270 or by e-mail to jim dot henry at ntlworld dot com.

Two certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the assessment, one being presented locally by the Morse Proficiency Team, whilst the other comes from the RSGB in Potters Bar.

UHF weekend Jan 14-15 on ISS

This weekend (January 14th and 15th), Bill McArthur plans to operate on the UHF band exclusively. It is his desire to work all continents on the UHF band from the International Space Station.

The frequency he will be using will be 437.55 simplex. Due to the high Doppler effect on this band, it will be necessary to operate split frequencies for most of the pass.

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Clubs 25th Annual Radio Show will take place in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, on Sunday the 23rd of April 2006. Doors open at 12

Noon and Admission is £3.00 or 5.00 Euro. There is generous car parking space and refreshments on site. There is a Bring & Buy stand with no fees. There will be traders big & small selling Amateur Radio gear, components, electronics, computer components and various new, surplus and second-hand equipment. UK traders are expected.

Usual large attendance from North and South is expected as the club returns to the familiar venue. For information on accommodation or trade stand space contact Alan Gault GI6PYP on 07771 811484\028 6634 1108, “alan dot r dot gault@homecall dot co dot uk” or Herbie Graham GI6JPO on 028 6638 7761. Call early to avoid disappointment.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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